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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: LOS: IRAQI GOVERNMENT VIEWS

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1. EMBOFF CALLED ON MR. AMER URAIM OF FOREIGN MINISTRY
LEGAL OFFICE ON FEBRUARY 1 TO MAKE POINTS IN REF A.
URAIM, WHO IS GOI'S NUMBER ONE SPECIALIST ON LOS AND
WHO FOLLOWED LOS MATTERS CLOSELY DURING HIS RECENT
TOUR IN NEW YORK, APPRECIATED RECEIVING USG VIEWS
ON SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE EVENSEN GROUP
CONSULTATIONS IN GENEVA. URAIM WAS GIVEN AIDE-MOIROIRE
BASED ON DEPARTMENT'S TALKING POINTS, WHICH HE
SAID HE WOULD PASS ON TO AMBASSADOR QATIFI, DIRECTOR
GENERAL OF THE LEGAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT AND
PROBABLY HEAD OF IRAQ'S LOS DELEGATION. URAIM
NOTED THAT DEMARCHE WAS TIMELY SINCE LOS WILL
BE PROMINENT ON THE AGENDA OF THE AFRO-ASIAN
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AFFAIRS WHICH WILL
MEET IN BAGHDAD FEBRUARY 19 - 26.

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2. URAIM PROVIDED EMBOFF ON INFORMAL BASIS
WITH GOI VIEWS ON THREE SUBJECTS COVERED BY TALKING
POINTS. WITH RESPECT TO DEEP SEABED MINING,
HE SAID THAT GOI DID NOT FEEL A GREAT STAKE
IN THE OUTCOME OF THIS SPECIFIC ISSUE SINCE
IRAQ NEITHER HAS THE MEANS FOR MINING ACTIVITIES
NOR IS IT LIKELY TO MEET THE CRITERIA WHICH WOULD

ENTITLE IT TO RECEIVE SIGNIFICANT BENEFITS
FROM THE MINING ACTIVITIES OF AN INTERNATIONAL
AUTHORITY. IRAQ WILL THEREFORE DETERMINE ITS
POSITION ACCORDING TO WHAT ARRANGEMENT FOR DEEP
SEABED WILL BEST CONTRIBUTE TO CONCLUSION OF
NEGOTIATIONS ON AN OVERALL PACKAGE FOR LOS WHICH
WOULD SERVE IRAQI INTERESTS IN OTHER AREAS.

3. URAIM SAID THAT IRAQ'S PRIMARY INTEREST DUE
TO ITS GEOGRAPHIC POSITION AND THE ISSUE ON WHICH
IT IS NOT PREPARED TO COMPROMISE IS THE QUESTION
OF FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION THROUGH ECONOMIC ZONES
AND STRAITS. HE NOTED THAT THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL
SIMILARITY IN THE VIEWS OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS
ON THESE MATTERS. HE SAID THAT IRAQ IS ALSO
VERY CONCERNED WITH PRESERVING THE FREEDOM OF
NAVIGATION IN "SEMI-ENCLOSED SEAS".

4. ON THE SUBJECT OF MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH,
URAIM BEGAN BY SAYING THAT THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT
INTENDED TO CONTINUE ITS SOLIDARITY WITH THE
POSITIONS OF THE GROUP OF 77. WHEN EMBOFF ASKED
WHETHER GOI DID NOT HAVE SOME CONCERN THAT
RESTRICTIONS BY COASTAL STATES ON SCIENTIFIC
RESEARCH IN THE ECONOMIC ZONE MIGHT ESTABLISH
PRECEDENTS FOR FURTHER ENCROACHMENTS ON THE
PRINCIPLE THAT THE ECONOMIC ZONE SHOULD BE
HIGH SEAS, URAIM ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT
WAS BEGINNING TO THINK ALONG THESE LINES AND MIGHT
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WELL CHANGE ITS VIEWS.

5. URAIM WELCOMED THE POSSIBILITY OF DISCUSSIONS
IN GENEVA BETWEEN U.S. AND IRAQI DELEGATIONS.
PLEASE INFORM US OF MEMBERSHIP OF U.S. DELEGATION
IN ORDER THAT WE CAN CONTINUE WHAT APPEARS TO
BE PRODUCTIVE DIALOGUE. WILEY

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